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INT: First action today: Study two vital N. T. verses. ~~Matthew 5:17-18. KJ. II Tim. 2:15!~~
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QUESTION: Does this mean the Law and Prophets remain unto the end of the world? Sounds like it???

QUESTION: Then why did you translate this passage as you did?

ANSWER: "It is hard to render this passage otherwise from the Greek.

It says 'UNTIL THE END OF ALL THINGS.' This means: of course that the LAW was to last until it had ACCOMPLISHED its mission and had been SUPERCEDED by the CHRISTIAN LAW. But I have rendered it AS IT IS, not as I would prefer to see it. That is the way it is, and I do not know what to do otherwise, if we stay as close to the Greek as we can. I will think more on this. I just wish we had some older MS which would make this easier to translate."

CONCLUSION: 1. Dr. Bratcher found this difficult to translate as clearly as he would have liked.

2. He does NOT teach that we are still under the OLD LAW.
TEV Heb. 10:9-10. Heb. 8:7-9. First faulty..needed second.

THIS STILL DID NOT SATISFY: "Unclear on "until the end of all things."

8. NEXT SOURCE: J. W. MCGARVEY. The Fourfold Gospel, p. 235-236.

VS. 17-18. Designed to avoid Jewish MISUNDERSTANDING of the rest of the Sermon on the Mount. *not to attack & destroy, but improve! John 3:16-17.*

1. LAW & PROPHETS foretold a NEW and BETTER LAW, LAWGIVER. Christ & Gospel. *Heb. 10:18-23. **

2. O. T. contained: STATUTES and PROPHECIES: (types and shadows)

a. Christ eventually replaced Moses by Moses' own prophecy. Leader.
Deut. 18:15. Transfiguration: Matt. 17:1-6.

b. Christ eventually fulfilled the O. T. TYPES. Real sacrifice, pure blood.

c. Christ's GOSPEL replaced the Jewish LAW. (Law did not last to the end....) *of world*

d. FULFILLMENT of Christ's MISSION WILL LAST UNTIL THE END OF ALL THINGS. or END OF WORLD. Church is HIS mission to the end of the world!
SO, the prophecies of OT prophets will last to the END!! Matt. 16:18.

9. BARCLAY is helpful in unravelling this scriptural puzzle. *Matt. Church.* Vol. 1. Pp. 122-129.

A. Matt. 5:17-18 Most astonishing statement of Jesus in Sermon on Mount.

B. Some contend JESUS COULD NOT HAVE SAID IT. Matthew just injected it in jealousy over the Old Jewish Law. Absurd! Jesus did say it.

C. THEN WHAT DID JESUS MEAN? Jews used the words "THE LAW" in four diff. ways.

1. Just the Ten Commandments. Epitome.
2. Just the first 5 books of O. T. Pentateuch: The Five Rolls. Gen. - Deut.
3. Whole O. T. (whole of inspired scriptures).
4. Oral or Scribal Law. (Jesus and Paul both concerned about how the Scribes, Pharisees and Elders had warped, twisted and misapplied the O.L.)

D. JESUS SAYS HE CAME not to DESTROY the BASIC TRUTHS of the Law of Moses, ^(9 in N.T.) nor to DESTROY the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecies....BUT!

RATHER----- HIS NEW TESTAMENT LAW to REPLACE THE OLD LAW with SPIRITUAL MEANINGS. Before: Shalt not KILL. Now: Do not HATE enough to kill. *Motive.*

RATHER-----to "BRING OUT THE REAL MEANING OF THE LAW" in the New Law! *Spr.*

QUESTION: WHAT HAPPENED TO THE OLD LAW? Col. 2:14. Nailed to the Cross!
DID JESUS ATTACK IT? No. Did He DESTROY it? No.

QUESTION: ARE we under the Old Law then? No. Jesus fulfilled it-replaced it--improved upon it. Advanced it.

E. THE BASICS OF THE OL. are also in the NL. *2 ways.*

1. Reverence and respect for GOD. Ex. 20:1-11.* Moses' words. THOU SHALT NOT. NEG Words of Christ: Matthew 22:37. Christ's words. THOU SHALT. AFFIR BOTH saw the same thing. Different viewpoints. Diff. motivations. God, His NAME, and His Day. (Sabbath) Replaced by Lord's Day!!!

2. Respect for God's Creation (man). Ex. 20:12-17.* Words of Moses. Neg. "Not" Words of Christ: Matt. 22:37. Shalt love.

Man's: parents Eph. 6:1-2.
life (not kill) Not hate. Matt. 5:22. Angry.
wife (adultery) Not even look upon her with lust. Matt. 5:28.
property (steal) Eph. 4:28.
name (false witness) Matt. 7:12.
possessions (covet) I Tim. 6:8. Matt. 6:33.

CONCLUSION: Basic reverence and respect for God and man will never pass away. Was in O. T. in one fashion and IS in N. T. in superior fashion.

BASIC IDEA: Jesus did not forget the PAST, nor seek to destroy the PAST, but rather built upon the foundation of the PAST (Gal. 3:24).

WHEN THE NEW LAW came into effective being, the Old Law faded away--out!

INV. COMPARISONS OF THE TWO LAWS.

O. T.	----	involved inferior sacrifices of bodies and blood of animals.
N. T.	----	involved superior sacrifice of body and blood of Jesus (lamb).
O. T.	----	remission of sins temporary and required annual sacrifices.
N. T.	----	remission of sins permanent and required one sacrifice. Heb. 9:12. Heb. 10:16-17.
O. T.	----	life a list of THOU SHALT NOTS.
N. T.	----	life a list of THOU SHALTS---Love God, neighbor, enemy, self, forgive enemies, care for widows, orphans, poor, needy, unfortunate, sick, imprisoned and strangers. <i>Teach Word!</i>

FOR THOSE WHO WANT THE VERY BEST: Recommend--- Christ only savior. *acts 4:12*
Gospel only message. *Rom. 1:16*
Remission only peace. *Rom. 5:1*
Church only way. *acts 2:47*
Christian life only happiness. *John 10:10.*

Want to be free of sin?

Want to be saved from sin?

" " " child of God?

" " " member of Lord's church?

*Want to do what Jesus wants
you to do?*